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Subject.

Application for a ~~site~~ for the erection of the Bowring memorial (Bowring Institute

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Wt. 47895 June 1885
Fm President Board Comm.rs

Application for title for the Erection of a Board of Memorial.

With the above letter the President submits an application from the Lord Bury Fine Arts Company & Decorative Artists for a site in the Imperial Memorial Hall Compound for the erection of a Building for a Board of Memorial.

2. In submitting an Office Note in reference to the above application it will be necessary to go back for some considerable time in order to explain the position of matters both as regards the application itself and the funds for the erection of the Memorial. in view to lay the matter clearly before the Govt. Resolut.

3. In the Commissioners letter No 8773 (Encl.) & 28 Feb 80 will be found a brief summary of the circumstances under wh. the Erection of the Imp. Meml. Hall was undertaken and how the Committee got in want of funds, when the Hall was partly erected, destroyed, and burned with the building to the Chief Commr. as the head of the Local Administration. In this letter the Chief Commr. suggested that the Imperial Memorial should be completed.

4 In para: 3 of his letter the Commissioner

Hales that the amt of Subscriptions raised for the Mayo Inst & Hall to be confirmed by a Law of Victoria 5310-11-4, Collected on Account of a Memorial to Sir Bowen

5 On referring back to letter No 75 of 16 June 1873 it will be seen that the proposal was there made that the Bowen Library of the Mayo Hall was to be built out of the Bowen Fund and to be called the "Bowen Library"

6 In reply to the Communications below we beg to forward (No 1.) the Precedent of the Inscription plate in No 89 of 12 April 80' (No 2) a Memorandum from Mr Jones with reference to the Contribution by the Bowen Rent. Comrs there was any Stipulation made with the Committee as to any portion of the Mayo Hall being reserved for the Library Institute, if so the Comrs considered the Arrangement unobjectionable.

7 In answer to this (No 453 of 16 Apl 80) (No 3) it was suggested by the Chr: Comrs that the Precedent should communicate with Mr Rice the President of the Bowen Rent. Comrs and avail herself by paying back the Amount Contributed by the Bowen Institute Contribution the Comrs would obtain the use of the Library Room

8 In letter No 432 of 12 May 80 (No 4) the President asked that the Amt. might be paid by Instt.

9 In paras 3 of letter No 3164 of 30 July 80 (5) the

President was informed that the Chief Commr was willing to refund the sum of Rs 5310-11-4 and that the Govt would be pressed from Govt Funds & the Govt Hindu Committee.

10 No further correspondence passed on the subject till 1882 when the Secty of the Literary Institute forwarded with his letter of 5 Mar: (No:6) an informal and sanction & Plan & Estimate for an Embedding supposed to be erected out of the Govt Fund which he stated had been transferred to the Secty of the Literary Institute in 1872 and amounted to Rs 5310. For Lee said the site selected & approved by Govt for the Testimonial was the Ground between St Marks and Promenade Road. But that the Ground did not extend as far as Church Road which had been transferred to the Institute.

* Nothing on record to show this NH.

No correspondence on record H.

11. In reply to the above Govt was informed (letter No 3161 of 23 Mar: 82 (No:7)) that the reference made by him to certain correspondence regarding the site for the Institute was not sufficiently precise to enable the Resident to trace it, that if he would send copies or give Nos & date the Resident would look into the matter and let him know when the site now in Fort was selected.

No reply rec'd H.

12 In letter No— of 20 May 82 (No:8) Govt Secy President of the Lit: Institute corresponded with reference to para 3 of No 3164 of 8 Aug 80 to the Govt Rs 5310-11-4 representing that

Bronze of Rebellion and must be replaced at his disposal on behalf of the Library and Secunderabad Institute. He pointed out also that persons in his employ & on the 30 July 1878 Colonel Pearse the Chairman of the Racing Club Committee the amt. was at interest as a fixed deposit and he claimed interest for the sum for the period for which it had been at the disposal of the Public.

13 In letter No 514 of 3 June 82 (9) the Comptroller of Mysore who was at the time in charge of the Revenues of the Assigned Tract, was asked to state the source from which the amt. could be met.

14 In reply No 641 of 6 June 82 (10) the Comptroller stated that the amount must be appropriately charged to the Revenues of the C & M.S. for a Grant to the Mercara Town Hall.

15 Upon this an order was passed (11) in Proceedings No 646 of 20 June 82 sanctioning the disbursement with interest @ 4 p.c. from date of advancement, chargeable to the Revenues of the C & M.S. The Comptroller to reflect the Budget Heads from which the amt. should be met.

16. The Controller in his letter No 883 of 28 June 82 (12) intimated that the sum of Rs 6140-2-5 had been entered in the Budget of the C & M.S. for 1882/83 under 25 Misc. as a Grant to the Mercara Town Hall and that a ref. for the amt. had been

returned from the Provincial Secty: & Scots Institute and passed for payment.

17 (Encs 15 & 16) on the site relative to proposals for the accommodation of the Institute on the Mayors Public Board sup but on these coming to nothing the Superintendence was further referred to.

18 On the 17th Feb 1885 (13) the Vice Provincial of the Scots Institute wrote stating that a Deputation had been appointed to wait on Sir James Gowan with a Plan and Estimate of the proposed Branch Institute and requested that a day and hour might be named.

19 In reply (No 2546 of 19 Feb 1885 (14)) the appointment was made for 11-30 the following day (18 Inst).

20 Sir James Gowan's note on the back of (No 13) in the file records what transpired at the meeting.

21. There is nothing on record to show the result of the inspection of the late Presbyterian Church but that the site was not available can be concluded from the fact that no further application was made for it.

22. The President of the Immigrant Society with his letter under date (No 4789 of 5-6-85) now forwards for orders an application made to the Immigrant Society for a site on the Quays for the premises of the Secty of the Scots Institute with a Copy of the Pro: of the Board on the subject.

of 25 April 85

23. The Commissioners propose 1st

1st That a site be allotted without any alienation by Deed of the Land.

2° That the building be erected out of the Funds of the Borough Memorial Improvements as funds could be found. The Municipality to be the Trustees and Conservators and to keep the Building in good repair.

3° That the Industrial Section of the Borough Memorial be left entirely in the hands of the Committee of the Workingmen's Literary & Scientific Institute.

4th That the President be empowered to address the Resident in view to his Sanction being obtained to the appointment of Lit & Scientific Institute being complied with as above proposed.

24 Mr Hawkesworth suggested that before any final decision is come to the plans of the proposed building be submitted to the Council for approval.

25 The above proposals to be carried by 12 to one of those present at the Meeting.

26. Rest. Submitted direct to Rest., being a matter of Municipal concern. H.W.H 4/7. 16.7.83

27 Under what clause of the Regulations does the Municipality depute this question to me? G 16.7.

28 It is not clear why this matter has been referred to the Resident for orders

except indeed perhaps that as Sir James Caird has employed some architect on the Bowes Memorial, in "Bowes Institute" the site on which it was proposed to erect it, the President wishes to keep the Committee informed of the action of the Committee of the Literary Institute in now proposing to build the Institute in the Mayo Hall compound.

29. If the Committee approve of the plans of the Buildings to be submitted to them by the Committee of the Institute, and if the President does not object to the location of the Institute on the site indicated the Consent of the President may be accorded if that is necessary. but there is no clause in the Municipal Regulations which requires this. Nor in the deed of Assignment granting over the Mayo Memorial Hall to the Municipality is any power to be utilized exercised by which the President's sanction for the proposed necessary before any buildings can be erected on the premises.

The incidental site & building of the Mayo Hall to the Municipality is any power to be utilized exercised by which the President's sanction for the proposed necessary before any buildings can be erected on the premises.

30 Please see the 2nd proposal in the Bounds Resolution of the 25 April 85 to the effect that "the Bounds of the Bowes Memorial be supplemented as funds permit by Govt." This is by no means clear. DBS. 28/7.

Rec'd. Mess 29.7.05.

31. I have drafted answer. 30.7.

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From

Honrary Secretary

Literary & Scientific Institute

Bangalore

To

H. I. Cunningham Esq C. S.

Asstt: to the Resident in Mysore

Bangalore

Sir

I beg you will kindly do me the favor to place before Sir Henry the Resident for approval and sanction the accompanying Plan and Estimate for a building proposed to be erected out of the Bowring Testimonial Fund, transferred to the Hony: Secretary of the Literary Institute in 1892, and amounting to Rs 5310.

I further beg to point out, that unless the above sum is supplemented by other grants, only one wing of the building can be proceeded with at present.

The site, selected, and approved of by Government for the Testimonial, is the vacant spot of ground between

St. Mark's and Promenade Road;
but the ground does not appear,
from the correspondence, to have been
transferred to the Institute.

Soliciting the favor of early orders

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obt. servant

H. Lee

Henry Lee.

Lt. Scientific Institute
Bangalore 8th March 82.

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OFFICE OF THE
2870
6 MAR 82
RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

From

The Honorary Secretary
Literary & Scientific
Institute
Bangalore

Dated 6 Mar:
Received 6 March 1882

Forwards for approval and sanction a Plan and Estimate for a building proposed to be erected out of the Bowring Testimonial Fund amounting to Rs: 5310.

The reference made by the Hony Secy of the Literary & Scientific Institute to the correspondence that was carried on by about the site for the Institute is not sufficiently precise to enable the R. to look upon the papers. If he will send copies to refer the R to any No. & date of communications from C.C.'s secy: he will look into the question & let the Hony Secy know whose is the site

23/3.82

Referred to C.C.'s Secy

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Ref correspondence appears to have passed in reference to the site referred to. I have think some D.O correspondence passed between Mr Rice as Secy of the Institute & the Residency Authorities and that it was then decided that the site was at the disposal of the Resident

18-3-82

Estimate for a building for Literary and Scientific Institute Bangalore.

Details of work	No.	Dimensions L	B	H	Contents
Excavation					
Side walls of Main room	2	38½	2½	3½	671¾
Front & rear Do.	2	21	2½	3½	367½
Front & rear walls of side rooms	4	39½	2½	3½	1382½
End walls of Do.	2	18	2½	3½	315
Rear walls of rear rooms	2	36	2½	3½	630
End walls	2	10	2½	3½	175
Porch	2	4½	2½	3½	78¾
Total Cft Excavation					3622½
Stone in Mortar					
Foundation as per Excavation					3622½
Basement Side walls of Main room	2	38½	2	3	462
Front & rear Do.	2	21	2	3	252
Front & side walls Side rooms	4	39½	2	3	948
End walls Do.	2	18	2	3	216
Rear walls of Rear rooms	2	36	2	3	432
End walls Do.	2	10	2	3	120
Porch	2	4	2	3	48
Total Cft Stone in Chunam					6100½
Brick in Chunam					
Side walls of Main room	2	38½	1½	24	2772
Front & rear walls Do.	2	21	1½	24	1512
Gables	2	21	1½	3½	220½
Front & rear walls of side rooms	4	39½	1½	16	3792
End walls	2	18	1½	16	864
Rear walls of Rear rooms	2	36	1½	14	1512
End walls Do.	2	10	1½	14	120
Carried over					10792½

Brought Forward					1079 2½	
Deduction						
Front door way	1	6	1½	12	108	
Circular portion	1	62 × 1½ × .7854 =			21	
		2				
Arch work	1	11	1½	1½	24¾	
Archways to Side rooms	2	14	1½	8	256	
Do Circular portion	2	14 2/2	1½	.7854	231	
Do Arch work	2	24½	1½	1½	110¼	
Do to Rear rooms	4	9	1½	7	378	
Do Circular portion	4	9 2/2	1½	.7854	190½	
Do Arch work	4	16½	1½	1½	148½	
Windows centre	11	3	1½	5½	247¼	
Do Sides	22	2	1½	5½	363	
Do Gothic portion centre	11	6	area	1½	99	
Do Do arch	11	8	1½	½	18	
Do Sides	22	2	1½	⅔ area	44	
Do Arch work	22	6	1½	1½	297	
Circular Windows	2	32	1½	.7854	21	
Do Arch work	2	14	1½	1½	63	
Total Deduction					2650¼	
Total Brick in Chunam						8142¼
Total Arch work						661½
Cornice Exterior						
Side Rooms	4	39½			156	
Do	2	21			42	
Do Over Porch	1	26			26	
End walls of Main room	4	18			72	
Total						296
Cornice work. Interior						
Main room	1	113			113	
Side rooms	2	112			224	
Rear Rooms	2	89			178	
Around the Windows	11	50			550	
Do Door	1	66			66	
Total Rft						1131

Brought Forward						72
Deduction continued						
Doorway	1	6½	"	.7854	14	
Archways to side rooms	2	14	"	8	224	
Do"	2	14½	"	.7854	154	
Archways to Rear rooms	4	9	"	7	252	
Do"	4	9½	"	.7854	120	
Windows	11	5	"	6½	357½	
Circular Windows	2	3²	"	.7854	14	
Total Deduction Plastering					1215½	
Total Sq" Plastering						130.69½
Filling in Basement						
Main room	1	35	20½	3	2152½	
Side rooms	2	34½	14½	3	3933½	
Rear rooms	2	34	9½	3	1938	
Total Cft Filling					8028	
Deduct Earthwork Excavation					3622	
Total Cft Excavation						4406
Flooring						
Main room	1	35½	21	"	745½	
Side rooms	2	38	18	"	1368	
Rear rooms	2	34½	10	"	690	
Total Sq" Flooring						2803½
Woodwork						
Wall plates for side rooms	4	39	4	3	18—"	
Joists for Do"	52	20	6	9	390—"	
Do" Rear rooms	40	12	3	6	72—"	
Summer for Porch	1	22	8	6	7-4-"	
Joists for Do"	8	5	2	5	2-9-4	
Wallplates for Do"	1	12	3	4	1—"	
Tie Beams	3	23	7	4	16-7-"	
Principal rafters	6	14	4	6	14—"	
King posts	3	8	8	4	5-4-"	
Struts	6	6½	4	4	4-4-"	

Brought Forward								
Brackets to support purlins	12	1	4	6	2	"		
Purlins	4	34	6	9	55	6	"	
Ridge Poles	1	34	6	9	13	10	6	
Common Rafters	52	15	3	6	81	3	"	
Total Sft Woodwork								675-11-10
Terracing								
Side rooms	2	39	20	"	1560			
Do " Rear rooms	2	36	11	"	792			
Porch	1	12	4	"	48			
Total Sqr" Terracing								2280
Roofing with Mangalore tiles								
Main room	2	40	15	"	1200	Sqr"		1200
Nos of Iron works to trusses	3	1	"	"	3	Nos		3
Stone Steps dressed	6	10½	"	"	63	Sft		63
Pair of Panelled Venetianed & glazed door with frames &c. complete	1	6	"	12	72	"		72
Glazed fanlight over door	1	62/2	"	28¾	14	"		14
Windows Glazed Shutters with frames & brass fittings &c. complete	11	3	"	5½	184½			
Do " Do " Sides	22	2	"	5½	242	Sft		423½
Glazed fanlight over Windows	11	3	"	3	99			
Do " Do "	22	2	"	2	88			
Circular windows with glazed shutters	2	30⅔	yards		14	Sft		203
Painting								
Door front including circular portion	2	7	"	16	224			
Windows Do "	22	3	"	7	462			
Do " Do "	44	2	"	7	616			
Circular Windows	4	3	"	3	36			
Total Sqr" Painting								1338
Woodoiling								
Trusses	3	-	-	-	300			
Main room	2	85½	"	15	1065			
Brick side room	52	10	"	2	1872			
Do " Rear rooms	48	10	"	1¼	600			
Porch	1	12	"	4	48			
Summer	1	20	"	1⅔	33			
Total Woodoiling								3018

Abstract

Items	Qr	Rate Rs	As	Quantity	Cost	Total
Excavation	Cft	"	" ½	36225	9 " "	
Stone in Mortar	do	"	23	6100	858 " "	
Brick in Chunam	do	"	26	8142	1272 " "	
Archwork Do "	"	"	4 "	661	165 " "	
Cornice (Exterior)	Rft	1	" "	296	296 " "	
Do " (Interior)	"	"	3 "	1131	212 " "	
Parapet walls with ornamental works	"	2	" "	371	742 " "	
Ornamental Urn on top of Pediments	Each	7	" "	1	7 " "	
Pinnacles over side Rooms	"	6	" "	18	108 " "	
Do " Main Room	"	8	" "	2	16 " "	
Pilasters around side rooms	"	12	" "	24	288 " "	
Do " Main room	"	14	" "	8	112 " "	
Ornamental Columns Complete	"	25	" "	4	100 " "	
Do " for Windows	"	8	" "	44	352 " "	
Plastering including Color washing	Sqf	2	10 "	131	344 " "	
Filling in Basement with consolidated Earth	Cft	"	" 2	4406	46 " "	
Flooring complete	Sqf	4	8 "	28	126 " "	
Teak work	Cft	3	4 "	676	2197 " "	
Terracing Complete	Sqf	28	" "	24	672 " "	
Roofing with Mangalore Tiles &c. complete	"	21	" "	12	252 " "	
Carried over					8175	

Brought Forward					8174	"
Sets of Iron works to trusses	Each	10	" "	3	30	" "
Stone Steps dressed	Rft	"	6 "	63	24	" "
Doors &c.	Sft	1	4 "	72	90	" "
Fanlight over door	"	1	8 "	14	21	" "
Windows &c.	"	1	10 "	428½	688	" "
Fanlight over windows &c.	"	2	" "	203	406	" "
Painting	Sqsft	6	" "	13	65	" "
Woodwork	"	2	8 "	39	97	" "
Matting	"	3	" "	28	84	" "

Total Rupees	9679
Contingencies	481
Grand Total Rupees	10160

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Bangalore

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(General Serial No. 30.)

1882.

From Asst Resident

The ~~Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore,~~ ~~Department~~.

To

The Hon'ble Secretary
Govt of Scientific Dept

Dated 23rd
Despatched 24th } March 1882
Received

Enclosures No.

General No. 3161
No. 1208.

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 5th instant I am directed to state that the reference herein to the Commissioner that was carried on about the Ice in the Institute is not sufficiently precise to enable the Resident to lay upon the papers. If you will furnish copies of them or

on and the Bp. and
date of communi-
cations from the Ch.
Comm. Ed. &c. The Rev.
Mark will call
into the question
and let you know
in whom the title
near St. Mark's
Church belongs

Yours &c

Carl Hensink

Serial Nos 1 to 12. put up
in File N 19 of 1884 (The
Mayo Memorial Hall).

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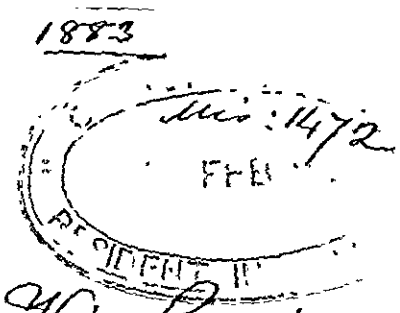

From

The Vice Presidents
Literary & Scientific
Institute
Bangalore

Dated 17th February 1883
Received 17th ——

Intimates that at the instance of the Executive Committee a deputation formed of the parties named within has been appointed to wait on Sir James Gordon with a plan and estimate for the proposed Boarding Institute and requests that a day and hour may be named for the deputation to present themselves.

Submitted H.W. 17/2

I say that I will see the Deputation at 11.30 a.m. on 20th inst. (Meanwhile see what has gone before in this matter)

Written to accordingly H.W. 19/2

BG 17/2

J.G.

I have told the deputation I will not pledge myself to give any pecuniary aid though I have every sympathy with the object. I will consult with the Mysore Govt. — Meanwhile I shall be happy to inspect the proposed site on Thursday next at 7.30 a.m. Ask Major Malthy (d/o) if there is any objection to the site being given that he knows of — whose the land is &c.

The site is the plot of ground between St Marks Church and Abrahams. Malthy may come with us on Thursday if he has no engagement.

Inti. Malthy written to accordingly H.W. 20/2

BG 20/

From,

The Vice-President,
Literary & Scientific Institute,
Bangalore.

To,

Major H. Wylie,
Assistant to the Resident,
in Mysore.

Sir,

I have the honor to request, at the instance of the Executive Committee of the Literary and Scientific Institute, that you will kindly bring to the notice of the Resident that a Deputation formed of the parties named in the margin, has been appointed to wait on Sir James Gordon with a Plan and Estimate for the proposed Boarding Institute.

The Estimated Cost is Rs. 12,000---- and the sum in hand is a little above Rs 5000----.

I shall feel obliged by your kindly naming the day and hour for the

* Mr. R. E. Campbell.
" J. Mickins.
" D. Choukai.
" B. Murrygumjee.
" Abdul-Hakeem
= Ghulam Ali Asker.
" S. Lee.

the Deputation to present themselves. 23

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

Vice President,
Literary & Scientific Institute,
Bangalore.

Bangalore
17th February 1883

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From

To Standish Lee Esq
Vice President
Literary & Scientific
Dated Bangalore
Despatched 19 Dec 2-83
Received

Enclosure No.

General No. 2546
No. 1194

Sir

In reply to your letter
of the 17th instant, I am
directed by the Resident
to say, that he will see
the Deputation you
mention at 11-30 a.m.
~~to-day~~ to-morrow
at the Residency

I have &c

H.W.
Asst. Resident

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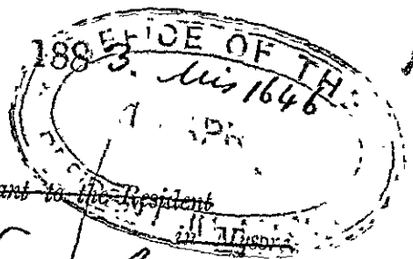

From

~~The Assistant to the Resident~~
in Mysore.

To The Secretary to the
Literary & Scientific
Institute
Bangalore

Dated 12th March 1883

Despatched

Received 29th — " —

Enclosures No.

General No. 823
No. ——

Solicits that Sir James Gordon will use his influence in obtaining for the Institute the room in the Public Office Buildings at present occupied by the Chief Judge, on other suitable accommodation is provided for him

Literary & Scientific Institute
Bangalore 12th March 1883.

The Secretary to the
Literary & Scientific Institute
to
Major H Conyers
Assistant to the Resident
of Mysore

Sir,

I am directed by the Committee of the Literary & Scientific Institute to inform you that the suggestions for the improvement of the library of the Institute as kindly offered by the Resident Sir J D Gordon K.C.S.I. for the consideration of the Committee were duly discussed at a meeting of the Directors specially convened for that purpose; and certain resolutions were prepared and circulated for the votes of the subscribers, with the following results.

26 members voted for Resolution I viz. [I] That as the Divisional Catechu and Public Offices are not conveniently situated for the majority of the subscribers, it will be preferable to seek a building in some central position,

to be near the Mysore Bank & Post Office. If the K. & S. Ry Station: The Court Room &c. Chief Judge would not be unreasonable, for it is only to be vacated as the Court Room &c. (Com. Sup. Force) (2). It will be necessary to have it in order shortly in the future maintenance, & obtain the sanction of the Government of the Finds in the manner best approved. I request that I may be able to take such early steps of any proposed additions

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beeches the site near St Mark's Church,
with the funds raised for the Bowring
Memorial, supplemented by such
further subscriptions as may be
raised, and by any contributions
that may be made by government.
(III) That if the body of subscribers
are not in favour of the location of the
building at the Public Offices, the
suggestion of the Resident that only
the lower storey of the proposed
"Bowring Memorial Building" be
erected for the present, be adopted."

2 Members voted for I only
2 - Do - - in Do" IV only.
35. Members voted for II & III.

(II) "That should the subscriptions
and Contributions be insufficient
for the purpose of erecting a suitable
building to perpetuate the memory
of Mr Bowring, advantage be taken
of the kind suggestion of the Resident
Sir James Rendel, and the offer
thereby kindly accepted; and that steps
be taken to obtain the consent of the
Bowring Memorial Committee to
their funds being invested in the
purchase of books &c for a library

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to be called "The Borrowing Library of the Bengalee Literary & Scientific Institution".

(III) "That should it be decided to locate the Institute in the Public Buildings (which step possesses great advantages) a Branch Reading Room with all the Newspapers & Journals at present subscribed for, be established in a convenient locality, and facilities for obtaining books from the Central Library be provided for such Subscribers who may not find it convenient to visit the Public Offices".

3 Members voted for III only.
3 do do I & II.
3 do do II only.
2 do do III & IV.
1 do do III & IV.

As the majority of the votes are in favor of the Resident's suggestion, I am instructed to solicit of Sir James Gordon that he will, in the event of sufficient funds not being forthcoming, kindly use his influence in obtaining for the Institute the rooms in the Public Offices Buildings at present occupied by the Chief Judge, on their becoming vacant

adoption to be made, & funds, in the meantime, of a small scheme, such as a suitable room, properly furnished for the purpose, it would be obtained, it would seem, Mr. Cowie kindly offered to lend the Institute the use of a suitable room for the present. If the Committee would be glad to know that a course

(3) I would further suggest that a selected Committee be formed to decide on the books to be purchased. I have no doubt that Messrs Cowie & Kyle would kindly assist in this matter.

Purchased books, & Newspapers would be most valuable. 1864

Encl 29.

The Committee are prepared, on obtaining the necessary sanctions, to place themselves in communication with the "Banning Memorial Committee" for permission to utilize their funds in the purchase of books &c., now also to avail the assistance of Mr. Rice in India and the Reverend Doctor Pope in England in the selection of desirable literary & Scientific works.

I have also to request, on behalf of the Committee of the Institute, for such grant as the Resident may be kindly pleased to make for supplementing the funds in hand.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

Jas McLellan
Honorary Secretary

Received 2nd June 1883

acknowledge, and say in reply that I have had an opportunity of discussing the matter with the Dewan, & that I have written

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Office of the Resident in Mysore,
Bangalore, 3rd April 1883

To

The Secretary to the
Literary & Scientific Institute,
Bangalore.

Sir,

I am desired to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 12th March 1883, and, in reply, to inform you that the Resident has had an opportunity of discussing the matter of providing accommodation for the Literary and Scientific Institute with the Dewan and Sir Jas Gordon has reason to believe that a suitable room in the Mysore Public Office building will be made available for the purposes of the Institute. The Court Room of the Chief Judge will not be available because it is not likely to be vacated as the Committee suppose.

2. I am to state that it will be necessary, of course, in the first instance to obtain the sanction of the Bowring Memorial Committee to the expenditure of the Funds in the manner proposed in your letter. Sir James Gordon ~~The Resident~~ regrets that he is not able to hold out any hope of any addition to the Funds in the shape of a grant. But if the assent of the Bowring Memorial Committee be obtained it would seem with a suitable room liberally provided, free of cost, by the Mysore Durbar, that the want of additional funds would scarcely be felt.

3. I am ~~to~~ desired further to offer the suggestion for the consideration of the Committee of the Institute that a carefully selected Committee should be formed to decide on the books to be purchased for the Library. The Resident has no doubt that the two gentlemen named by you in your letter under reply will gladly assist in

in the purchase of suitable books and their assistance would be most valuable.

I have, &c.,

Asst to the Resident

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The Secretary, &c.
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From

The President,

Municipal Commission,

Civil and Military Station,

Bangalore.

To

The Assistant to the Resident in Mysore,

Bangalore.

Dated 5th June 1885

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Forwarding for orders an application from Mr J Wilkins Honorary Secy: Bangalore Literary and Scientific Institute applying for a plot of ground attached to the Majo Memorial Hall for erecting a Bowring Memorial.

31st July 1885.

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Office of the Municipal Commission,
Civil and Military Station,
Bangalore, 5 Decr 1885

From

The President,
Municipal Commission,
Civil and Military Station,
Bangalore.

To

The Assistant to the Resident in Mysore,
Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for such orders as the Resident may deem fit, an application from Mr J. Wilkins Honorary Secretary, Bangalore Literary and Scientific Institute, applying for a plot of ground attached to the Mayo Memorial Hall for erecting a Bowring Memorial together with an extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Commission dated 25 April 1885 para 4 on the subject.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedt servt
J. Smith
President Municipal Commn
Civil & Mily Station Bangalore

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Bangalore Literary & Scientific Inst.
26th March 1885.

To

Major L. P. Mathby
President of the Municipality
Civil & Military Station Bangalore

Sir

I am directed by the Committee of the Bangalore Literary & Scientific Institute to request you will be kindly pleased to obtain the sanction of the Municipal Commissioners to the grant to the Institute of the vacant ground East of the "Mays Hall" marked red in the enclosed sketch, on such terms as the Commissioners may deem proper, for the purpose of erecting a "Reading Memorial" to be used as a Public Library and Reading Room.

I beg to state that the Institute was established in 1868 by L. B. Bowring Esqr. C. S. I. late Chief Commissioner of Mysore; that it has since been under the patronage of H. H. the Maharajah, the Chief Commissioners, and British Residents, and receives a Monthly Government grant; and that the Director of Public Instruction is the President, and the President of the Municipality a Vice President.

you will observe, by a reference to the Deed of Transfer of the "Grays Hall" to the Municipality, it was at first intended, but afterwards cancelled, that accommodation should be provided for the Institute within the said building. The Gawring Memorial Fund, which has been returned by the Municipality to the Chief Commissioner, was placed at the disposal of Dr Rice the President, on behalf of the Institute; and it is from the said Fund, together with subsequent interest and other available funds, that the Committee wish to erect a Public Building worthy of a "Gawring Memorial," and in keeping with the "Grays Hall."

I beg to add that the late British Resident Sir James Jordan (R.I.P.) in August 1881, expressed to a deputation that, in the event of the Committee deciding on building a Memorial, the Government would extend interest itself in the matter, and give a free site if possible. That he would like to see a fit Memorial erected to do honor to Dr Gawring, and that he himself would see whether to subscribe financially in

furthering the Scheme. He manifested the same interest in February 1882 to another deputation - A site near St. Marks Church has selected and approved of by Government, and another site within the grounds of the Royal Hospital was also applied for, but the Military Authorities refused to part with either. Hence the Committee has hitherto failed in securing land suitable for a Public Memorial, and within convenient distance from the dwellings of the Majority of Subscribers.

I have the honor to be

Sir

your most obedient Servant

Jas Mirrins.

Honorary Secretary

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Reply that I will
lay the matter
before the Board
but that I much
doubt if the Board
has power to alienate
any part of the land
surrounding the
Mayo Hall without
at any rate the sanction
of the Resident -

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Show me the deed
under which we hold
the land round about
the Police Office

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Comm^rs Assembled Bangalore 25th April 1885.

Application for ground within the Mayo Hall Compound for erecting Banking Memorial.

4. Read – Letter dated 26th March 1885 from the Honorary Secretary, Literary and Scientific Institute applying for a plot of ground East of Mayo Memorial Hall for the erection of a "Banking Memorial" to be used as a Public Library and Reading Room.

Proposed by Mr Campbell – "If the funds can again be taken on hand on the Bangalore Literary and Scientific Institute will hand over the site in question on Condition

1st: That the site asked for shall be allotted without any alienation by deed out of the land belonging to the Mayo Memorial Hall

2nd That the building shall be at the Cost of the Banking Memorial Fund supplemented as funds admit from Government, the Municipality

shall

shall be in a watertight and land-
lord, and keep it in good repair
and tenantable order as the
Banning memorial.

3rd That the internal economy
the Banning memorial be left entirely
in the hands of the Committee, for the time
being, of the Bangalore Literary and
Scientific Institute.

4 That the President be empowered
to address the British Resident, and in
the above manner, to favor the requisition
from the Honorary Secretary of the
Bangalore Literary and Scientific
Institute with his (Residents) sanction.

Seconded by Mr. St Johns Buchan
with the Resolutions addendum that
before any final decision is come
to, the plans of the proposed building
be submitted to the Commissioners for
approval and suggestions.

Resolution - Carried by 12 votes 6

True Extract
J. Smith
President Committee
Bangalore
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To The President
Municipal Comm
C L M. Station.

Sir.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of Comm. No 478 dated June 5th 1885. with enclosure, in which the Honorary Secretary of the Library & Scientific Institute of Bangalore applies for leave to erect on vacant ground between the Mysore Hall & the Ball Room Police Station a building to be known as the Bowring Memorial & to be used as a public library & reading room.

2. The Offg. Resr has carefully perused the Indenture, dated June 6th 1883, by which the Mayo Hall, & its grounds & Court-offices &c. were conveyed by the late Resr, Sir James Sowden, to the Municipal Comrs of Bangalore. From that document it is clear that the ground on which it is now sought to build the proposed Banning Memorial is part of the site granted for the purposes of the Mayo Hall, and that neither the Resr nor the Municipal Comrs have the power to alienate any portion of such

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site from the purpose for which it was given. Under these circumstances it is beyond the power of the Middlesex to entertain the application of the Literary & Scientific Institute.

2. The Mag. Resident desires me to add that he shares equally with Sir James Saxon the wish to see a fitting memorial raised to the honoured name of Mr Banning, & that during his tenure of office here he will gladly ~~assist the Library~~ do whatever lies in his power to help those who are interested in the matter to the possession of a suitable site. With reference however to

the second clause of the Municipal Comrs' Resolution, dated April 25th 1885; & the effect that the funds now at disposal for the Banning Memorial should be "supplemented as funds admit from Govt." I am to observe that by this is meant funds other than those under the control of the Municipal Comrs it appears to the Govt. Resd that the Municipal Comrs have erred in supposing that they have any voice in the disposal of funds belonging to the British Govt. The promise of Sir James Gordon in regard of pecuniary support in this case was, of the Library

Scientific Institute has
correctly rendered his
words, limited to the
assurance that "he him
"self would endeavour to
"assist financially in
furthering the scheme" Whether
such aid was that of a
private or of a public cha-
racter is not said. But
even on the assumption
that the latter was meant
it is contended that since
the promise was given the
relations of the Govt with
respect to the revenues of
the Assigned Tracts are
not now such as they were
then, and in the present aspect
of financial affairs no
politician can hold out

no hope of a Grant-in-aid
towards the cost of the
Bowring Memorial from
the public Treasury. In the
opinion of the Hon. Rect.
it is most desirable that
in undertaking like
that now under consider.
ation the estimated outlay
~~Cost~~ of under all heads
should be provided & funded
before the work of building
is commenced.

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